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Today's Weather.

Portland, Jan. 30.—Western Oregon—Tuesday generally fair north; occasional rain in the south portion.

NOT FOR CLATSOP.

An effort was made to have the legislature appropriate \$5000 to erect a monument at Ft. Clatsop to cost about \$5000 and one at the salt earns at Seaside to cost \$3000. A bill making these appropriations was introduced in the house. When it came up for consideration, it was indefinitely postponed, killed the bill and cutting out the appropriation. There is no difficulty for the representatives from Union county to secure an appropriation of \$35,000 for a normal school. Douglass county had no trouble in securing \$25,000 for a normal school at Drain. The Ashland normal school will walk away with an appropriation of \$45,000. Lane county secures \$35,000 for its university. Any appropriation asked for by various counties in the state, with the single exception of Clatsop county, are granted.

All of these counties elect republicans to the legislature. They work in harmony, each assisting the other, and in this way secure needed appropriations. Counties like Clatsop that elect democrats to the legislature never secure appropriations for any purpose. When Clatsop county has been represented by republicans in the legislature, there was no trouble to secure any legislation demanded. The legislature of Oregon will always be republican. Out of 90 members, 75 are republican and 15 democrats. When Clatsop county had a republican delegation in the legislature it secured a United States senator, and through his efforts large appropriations were secured for the Columbia river and bar. By electing democrats to the legislature, or in fact to any office in the city and county, does not speak well for a county that gives a republican majority from 700 to 1000 in a presidential election.

Democrats can only be elected in Clatsop county or the city of Astoria by republican votes, yet no one ever heard of a republican being elected by democratic votes. Isn't it about time that the republicans of Astoria and Clatsop county voted their principals instead of legislating democrats into office? Republicans sometimes vote for a democrat because they don't like the republican candidate, or those who are managing the campaign. With the democrats it is different. They vote for a democrat whether they like him or not, because they regard party principle higher than personal prejudice. Every time the republicans elect a democrat to office they weaken their party organization and gain nothing by it. The legislature refused to appropriate \$5000 for monuments in Clatsop county simply because the county has no representatives in the house who have influence with the majority to secure appropriations. Had the county been represented by two republicans instead of two democrats, there would have been no trouble to secure the appropriation.

GATES OPENED.

The decision of the managers of the Lewis and Clark fair in deciding to keep the gates of the fair open on Sunday, was arrived at after mature deliberation, and listening to arguments pro and con from different religious denominations on the one side, and

the laboring people and merchants on the other. It was contended by those representing the four churches of Portland that keeping the gates open on Sunday would be demoralizing in its effects and pernicious in its tendencies. That it would deter people away from the house of God on the Holy Sabbath day, and the admonition of "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy," would be set at naught and people would lose sight of their spiritual welfare in mingling with worldly people.

On the other hand, it was argued, that there were thousands of people who could not visit the fair on any other day than Sunday. That as a rule a large majority of these people seldom, if ever, attended church; that if the fair was demoralizing or pernicious in its tendencies, then it should not be opened at all. It was also submitted that as the few churches which were insisting on closing the gates on Sunday had never taken any action toward closing the saloons, beer gardens, race tracks, ball grounds, theaters and other places of amusements on Sunday, and as they would all be permitted to keep open on that day, the large number of people that did not attend church would attend these places and they were more demoralizing than the fair.

Another argument used, was that the opposition to closing the gates on Sunday came only from the Methodist Baptist, Congregational and Presbyterian church, while the Catholic, Episcopal, Unitarian and Jewish churches were in favor of keeping the gates open on Sunday, and they were as conscientious Christians as those belonging to the other four denominations and their opinion entitled to as much weight. After listening to the arguments, the managers of the fair were of the opinion that no possible harm could accrue from keeping the fair open on Sunday. They even decided to set a building apart for religious services on that day, and supply able ministers to prescribe for the spiritual hungry and famished traveler within the gates.

If the laws of Oregon had been observed, as they should be, and all places of amusements in Portland closed on Sunday, then the gates of the fair should be closed. It is not just and equitable to apply the law to one place of amusement and not to all. Sunday is a day that should be willingly observed by everyone. It was so intended from the beginning of time and laws have been made in accordance with the scriptural doctrines of Sunday observance, and it is to be hoped that the day is not far distant when all the people will become educated up to the belief of Sunday observance and the laws strictly enforced. It is not only in the interests of churches and Christianity, but humanity and the betterment of society. When the people once become accustomed to it they cannot be induced to depart from it.

"HE-HAW."

Astoria has a mule, the patient old democratic mule. For years his rasping "he-haw" of protest against the government policies, unless dictated by it, has sounded like a fog horn. He has been the symbol of opposition since the citizens party was brought into existence, a sort of Jennie to the Jack. He has received rebuffs sufficient to put any other animal on the footstool out of business. The deadheads wonder why he does not cease. He will never do it. The pensive animal was born to kick, and when he is not allowed to kick his usefulness is at an end. Look at the bitter experiences through which he is just passing.

Headed toward men and measures which have always been hateful in his sight; check-reined with a wire until his ears could not droop and hobbled until his foot-play was ruined, he stood important at the beginning of the fray. When the Jack in the brick building brayed, the Jennie in the church building "he-hawed." The Jennie wanted more oats.

Upon the dizzy paths to the mountain peaks of human endeavor, the democratic mule has kicked against the granite of false opinion until there was a break, and that persistent quarduped has noted the beneficial results after the dead and wounded were dug out. Those were in his palmy days before the Rough Rider appeared on the political horizon. No one up to that time had become sane enough or sound enough to endeavor to make a pack mule of the animal, and he was unloading on the democracy of Astoria.

Remembering how, in the hour of confiding innocence, the mule had been

identified either positively or negatively with every step in the city's progress, yet he has always got the hot end of it. He kicked—always kicked, and he kicked hard. He came in later years, to be called by impetuous people the Great Obstructor, but the police respected the mule. They contributed to its support and the official organ gave a responsive "he-haw."

ARE YOU A DEGENERATE?

Do you part your hair in the middle or on the right side? Are you bald? Are you prematurely gray? Have you a snub nose, bat ears, small lobes on the ears, a receding chin, protruding lips, cross eyes? Are you left-handed, have you red hair, are your teeth far apart, do you labor under the affliction of pigeon toes or knocking knees? If a man, have you an inordinate fondness for displaying jewelry?

Think carefully over these questions and answer them conscientiously. For if you are guilty in any one count you are a degenerate, or in danger of becoming such, according to Professor Starr, of the University of Chicago.

A hurried enumeration of our friends gives rise to serious apprehension that we are quite surrounded by individuals stigmatized as not exactly sane by the learned Chicago professor. We cannot find, however, that any of us are the less happy for the discovery. In fact, we know of several people suffering from one or more of these defects whom we distinctly envy. If we are not mistaken, nearly all of the men of today who are accomplishing anything worthy the name have some such blemish as those outlined in the foregoing; not to speak of the thousands upon thousands who never get their name into the newspapers save in connection with a funeral, a runaway, a wedding or a lapse from the tortuous path of virtuous and honest living.

We won't worry over the professor's dictum. Knowing that "all the world is queer, except thou and I—" we will just make a little allowance for hereditary, acquired or assumed insanity or "cussedness," if you prefer, and let it go at that.

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